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CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 17, 2007

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood Services

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Public Hearing to consider the report of expenses to recover costs for abatement of dangerous building/demolition and assess civil penalties located at 224 W. Baltimore Avenue. PROPERTY OWNER: JOHNCYN DEVELOPMENT LLC (\$14,814.60 - General Fund) – Ward 3 (Reese)

ADS Environmental & Construction completed work on August 15, 2007 at a cost of \$9,679; CamAir conducted asbestos survey at a cost of \$725; \$900 in reinspection fees (w/late fees); Civil Penalties of \$1,950 plus a 15% administrative processing fee, for a total of \$14,814.60.

Today's public hearing is to consider the Report of Expenses filed by the Department of Neighborhood Services and to hear any objections thereto. Under the Uniform Code for the Mitigation Abatement of Dangerous Building, Vacant or Abandoned Buildings and Civil Penalties, the City Council may make revisions or adjustments to the Report of Expenses as deemed proper. If the Report of Expenses is confirmed and accepted by the Council, the Council can then declare the charges to be a personal obligation on the part of the property owner or may order the charges assessed against the property by means of a Lien of Assessment. In this particular case, we recommend a Lien of Assessment.

If the Lien is approved by the Council, certified copies of the recorded lien will be given to the County Treasurer's Office and the amount of the assessment will be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary property taxes. All laws applicable to the collection and enforcement of property taxes shall be applicable to such assessment, and the amount of the assessment will be added to the next regular property tax bill levied against the parcel.

ASSOCIATED DAILY CIVIL PENALTIES (COUNCIL'S DISCRETION):

In addition, at the Council's discretion, the Council may impose daily civil penalties from July 11, 2007 to August 15, 2007 (36 days) in the amount of \$18,000, with the exception of 1 day previously assessed--35 days in the amount of \$17,500.00. This brings total to \$32,314.60. On July 5, 2007, the officer spoke with Jamisee, and it was agreed that the owner was willing to pay for demo and to let the City go ahead with the abatement (this was before the 2nd \$500 civil penalty was assessed).y tax bill levied against the parcel.